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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1909.

The real trouble at the bottom of all, neither has been able to name a single item where it had been wronged by the other. It can hardly be said that Germany either has given assurances that her motives are of any higher inspiration; when asked by the other Powers to use her influence to induce one or the other of the irreconcilables to reason, or at least to state her desires, Germany has on each occasion shrugged her shoulders and announced her intention of allowing Austria to go her own way without interference. Now if this proceeded from a genuine respect for the House of Austria, and could be taken as the homage of one wise man to another, however much we might cavil at its seeming weakness, we could hold it up to reprobation, but this explanation hardly consorts with the indications of the case.

Germany is quite aware that one of the chief difficulties in the way of the Dual Monarchy is the attitude of the Slavonic peoples under its rule; Magyar and German pretty well understand one another, and both are fully conscious that any rupture of the common bond of self-interest which holds them together would mean the destruction of both. They can safely growl at one another betimes, secure in the reflection that after all self-interest is a stronger ground of union than sentiment; but with her Slavonic subjects the case is far otherwise. They have not risen to the sense of common interest, or common nationality, and to their minds, tickled with dreams of an impossible Pan-Slavism, every degradation to Austria seems a victory for the other. This is the ever-present danger that the Dual Monarchy has to face, but to which she is momentarily quite oblivious. King Peter Karageorgevitch may to onlookers seem but fitly stuff out of which to make a hero, but he is the best at the moment available. It is not a matter of everyday experience that a hero should come on the scene just when and how a people desires him, but the unwise policy of Austria is going far to make King Peter the hero of the day, and Germany by suggestion rather than by open advice is doing her best to blow up the bubble. Naturally none of the Powers care to tell Austria straight out the true position of affairs; two candid friends are apt to meet with unpleasant rebuffs when their advice becomes too particular; but Europe sees that a war rashly commenced between Austria and Servia would not unlikely fan into a flame the general nascent antipathy between Teuton and Slav, and as each mutually interpenetrates districts where the other predominates, a wasteful and mutually destructive civil war could be the only logical result. An eventual war between Germany and Russia on racial grounds would be a thing of horror untold; and would not impossibly destroy the boasted civilisation of Europe, or leave the road open to another Asiatic advance.

Our London Editor advises us that he has seen a copy of the large quarto volume, issued by Lloyd's Greater Britain Publishing Co., "Twentieth Century Impressions of Hongkong, Shanghai and the Treaty Ports" which will be delivered to subscribers shortly. The book is a very handsome one in every respect and subscribers will have every reason, he says, to be well satisfied. We hope to give a full notice when copies come to hand.

A telegram from Tsingtao to the N.C. Daily News states that Sir J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner at Weihsien, who is paying a visit to H. E. Yuan Shih-kuan, Governor of Shantung, was entertained on the 20th inst. by the highest officials. Half a dozen foreigners were present. Sir Stewart Lockhart was accompanied by Mr. R. F. Johnston, the District Officer at Weihsien.

Every one engaged feels that, brought down to the level of common sense, there is positively nothing worth quarrelling about, yet false pride or silly sentiment interferes whenever matters are brought to a point; and unfortunately hitherto it has been the case that Austria has been in each instance the chief offender. Austria, of course, stands most to lose in the case of a conflict; and it is quite possible that feeling this to be the case she has become the more rigid in refusing all accommodation. Germany

has probably more influence with the Imperial House of the Habsburgs than all the other Governments in Europe, and there is little doubt that a word of caution, which from the other Powers would be looked upon as an impertinence, from Germany would be accepted in a friendly spirit. The word, however, does not come, but instead tirade about susceptibilities, and a hint that she does not like to place herself at cross purposes with her ally; consequently the atmosphere, which but a couple of weeks ago was undoubtedly brightening, since has been rendered more murky than ever, but the telegram we publish this morning happily gives the best promise we have yet had of a settlement of this protracted quarrel.

An advertisement reminds intending competitors that the entries for the V.R.C. Athletic meeting on April 10th close to-day.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) and one case of smallpox (Indian) were reported in the colony during last week.

The plague return for the week ending 27th March gives a total of five cases, four of which proved fatal. This brings the number from January 1st up to 19 cases and 17 deaths.

Mr. Ho Kom Tong has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board. He is a prominent Chinese citizen and has identified himself with all good works in the interest of the colony.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. H. Kemp sentenced a Chinese employee of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing three bottles of Lavender Water.

The Ward Comedy Company which is in Hongkong shortly, has had such a successful season in Shanghai, that negotiations are being made with a view to their prolonging their stay in the northern port.

An interesting sale opens at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's salerooms to-day when the public auction of pure Irish household linens, lace curtains, towels, etc., will be commenced. The catalogue gives copious details.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday a native who was arrested on the Chinese Recreation Ground was charged with being armed with a knife with intent to commit a felony. He was found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Two small boys appeared before Mr. Hazelton at the Magistracy yesterday on charge of hawking without a licence. His Worship remarked that as whipping had proved no deterrent in the past he would impose a fine. Each of the defendants was fined 5s. or seven days' imprisonment.

A native who appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazelton at the Magistracy yesterday on charge of returning from banishment told his Worship that he came back to the Colony to get some clothing he left behind. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 26th March, 1909, shows that of non-Chinese there were 229 to the Library and 284 to the Museum and of Chinese 254 to the former and 3,277 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 633 persons and the Museum by 3,561.

The owners of two passenger boats were proceeded against before Commander Basil E. H. Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday for allowing their boats to lie alongside Blake Pier when not embarking or disembarking passengers. On the evidence defendants were found guilty, and in each instance a fine of \$5 was imposed, the alternative being fourteen days' jail.

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Interest in these hitherto practically unknown islands is by no means abated, though it is tolerably certain that the differences between China and Japan will be amicably settled. The island on which Japanese have been settled for some eighteen months is about 170 miles south east of Hongkong. It is barely two miles long and about three-quarters of a mile broad, rises about forty feet above water and is really nothing more than a sandy bed on a foundation of coral. Coral is found all round the lagoon and the approaches to the island, which have not been surveyed for about forty or fifty years, are dangerous to navigation. When the Chinese cruiser *Kenpan* proceeded there with Commodore Lin and Captain Wu, it was discovered that there were about 150 Japanese on the island. They had made a track across the island, had lighters at work, and also had a steam launch. The Japanese were apparently finding their undertaking very remunerative.

AN ARMY CAUSE CELEBRE.

LONDON, March 29th.

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in an action for wrongful dismissal.

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the 19th November, 1907, to investigate com-

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garding alleged unjust treatment in certain

reports of the War Office. The case was

re-opened in December last, and wrote were

served on Mr. Haldane, General Lytton, and others, then members of the Army

Council, on the ground that they exceeded their

powers in requiring the officer's resignation.]

THE PRATAS.

We understand that the Swatow sportsmen

are practising hard to give the visiting team

from Hongkong good games at football and

cricket and possibly also at tennis. Mr. H.

Donaldson, the captain of the Swatow football

team, is in Hongkong at present, and when

seen by our representative as to the prospects

of the Easter meeting between the inter-

teams, modestly expressed the opinion that

Swatow would be satisfied if they managed to

secure a draw at football, while they hoped to

do well at cricket, especially as the Swatow

contingent includes three Australian cricketers

who are quite in their element when they are

in flannels. In fact they are the mainstay of

the team. The visitors may also anticipate

some keen rubbers at tennis. The men from

Hongkong may rely upon having a good time

at the hands of their Swatow hosts.

THE BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

An old story was renewed at the City Hall

last night when the fight for the World's Cham-

pionship was again fought on cinematograph

film. There was a good attendance, and the

frequent applause testified to the appreciation

of the audience. The pictures thrown on the

screen were excellent, there being scarcely a

flicker to mar their worth. From the training

grounds of both competitors the audience were

carried to the scene outside the Stadium at

Sydney. The next view was inside, showing

the wildly excited crowd. Then the principals

in the arena, and the first four rounds of the

combat. Reading and witnessing an event are

two different things, and this fact will be readily

admitted by those who followed the great fight

at the cinematograph film last night. Six of

the rounds were missed, but the fight was

renewed in the eleventh and continued until the

fourteenth, the round which proved so disastrous

to the white man and saw a coloured man claim

the championship of the world for the first time

in history.

In addition to the main feature of the pro-

gramme other amusing films were shown, and

the applause of the audience was ample testimony

of their appreciation. Most present, however,

would have preferred to see the fight through-

out, and would have willingly dispensed with

the outside films produced.

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TELEGRAMS.

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[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS".]

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, March 28th.

A telegram from Belgrade states that the Skupshina has accepted with out discussion the renunciation of the Crown Prince and the proclamation of the Prince Alexander as heir to the Throne.

The Russian Press continues to publish bitter attacks on Russian diplomacy and rumours are current of the impending resignation of M. Isavolsky, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, March 29th.

It is announced at Vienna that the Austrian Government has accepted Sir Edward Grey's modified proposals regarding the working of the Serbian note of submission.

An agreement has also been reached with a view to the recognition by the Powers of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A MILITARY SENSATION AT MALTA.

LONDON, March 29th.

Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that an inquiry will be opened at Malta after the return of the Duke of Connaught into the system of smuggling opium hashish from Austria via Malta into Egypt as military stores.

Several arrests of non-commissioned officers and soldiers have been made, and it is stated that an officer is implicated.

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HAMBURG LETTER.

[WRITTEN FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

March 5th.

THIS GERMAN EAST ASIATIC SOCIETY.
I take the following from the annual report for the year 1908 of the Ostasiatische Gesellschaft, which now numbers 364 members, 69 being non resident.

According to the report, the Committee for Chinese affairs had devoted its attention chiefly to the Trade Mark question as the regulations proposed by the Chinese Government not meeting with the approval of the Powers were withdrawn and foreign merchants and manufacturers left without protection against the rapidly increasing attempts on the part of the Japanese to imitate and appropriate successful trademarks.

It is earnestly to be desired in the interest of trade that this should be put a stop to and the committee have therefore much pleasure in stating that they have received from the Foreign Office in Berlin a copy of fresh regulations presented by the Government at Peking, accompanied by an exhaustive report of the Patent Office, which entirely meets their views and to which they have found little to add.

In Korea a system of registration of Trade Marks has been introduced, but it applies to the United States and Japan only, with whom special treaties to that effect have been concluded.

The Committee have therefore addressed a request to the Foreign Office in Berlin urging them to take steps to procure the extension of the privilege to other nationalities, for although, according to the latest accounts, the authorities in Korea are acting with praiseworthy fairness, it is absolutely necessary that the matter should be definitely settled by law.

The new Bankruptcy Laws in China have been another subject of careful consideration, the clauses relating to the liability of shareholders in unlimited joint stock companies having more particularly engaged the attention of the committee, as they were likely to lead to most serious abuses. They provide that the Official Receiver of Companies that have become insolvent shall fix the amount to be contributed by each shareholder on payment of which the latter shall be relieved of all further responsibility. It is obvious that by the creation of a certain number of faggot shareholders those working the business can greatly reduce their risk. According to a notice from the authorities in Berlin the Chinese Government had yielded to the remonstrances of the foreign commercial bodies and withdrawn the clauses.

An application on the part of the German residents in China to the Government in Berlin asking that the proceeds of the tax paid by the German Asiatic Bank in return for the right granted them to issue notes should be used for the benefit of the German religious communities in the country, has received the hearty support of the Society.

The necessity of a speedy reform of the banking and monetary system of the Celestial Empire is becoming more and more urgent. The unlimited issue of uncovered notes by the Chinese bank and by the provincial governments and the absence of all control of the amount and intrinsic value of the money coined constitute a great danger to the financial position of the country and may be reducing the purchasing power of the people and react most unfavourably on its foreign trade. The East Asiatic Society has therefore felt called upon to draw the attention of the Imperial Government in Berlin to the matter, submitting at the same time a set of carefully worked out proposals remedying the evil. They advocate the framing of stringent regulations regarding the issue of all institutions possessing the privilege of issuing notes and the establishment of a central bank and assay office for the strict supervision of the several mints. The Society has refrained from entering on the much debated question, whether in introducing a uniform coinage, as it seems to be intended at present, preference should be given to the dollar over the Kuping tael, as they look upon it as an internal matter.

The German Government has at last responded to the frequently expressed wish of all connected with the China trade by reducing the rate of postage to its dependencies in that country to the same level as that in force in Germany itself and between Germany and her other colonies.

Representations made in Berlin by German communities in China, more especially in Hankow, with a view to induce the Government to desist from placing difficulties in the way of foreigners desirous of acquiring land in German territories have been warmly supported by the Society both in the interest of the colonies themselves and in that of international comity.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORKMEN.

The Central Association of German Industrialists has recently addressed a paper to the Prussian Minister of Commerce showing amongst other things the large amount which some of the most important works in the country are in the habit of devoting to the promotion of the well-being of their workpeople. The Königs and Lauri Hütte for instance, last year spent M. 3,700,000 for the purpose, which, together with M. 500,000 paid for taxes, comes to about 54 per cent of the net profits of the twelve months. The Bochumer Verein contributed during the same period M. 900,000 to state insurance funds, M. 200,000 to various institutions for the benefit of their operatives and M. 600,000 in taxes, making M. 1,700,000 altogether, which is equal to 37 per cent of the net profits and 44 per cent of the dividend declared.

The Dortmund Union has paid M. 300,000 taxes and M. 1,000,000 to the state insurance funds &c, a total of M. 1,300,000 being 31 per

cent of the share capital of the company whose net profits for the year exceeded the above amount by only M. 600,000. In the balance sheet of the firm of Fried. Krupp in Essen taxes figure for M. 4,100,000 contributions to state insurance funds for M. 3,400,000 and other disbursements for the welfare of their workpeople for M. 4,800,000, or M. 12,300,000 altogether, equal to about one half of the net profit of the year. The Gelsenkircher Bergwerke Gesellschaft has paid M. 1,200,000 in taxes and M. 3,900,000 in contributions to the state insurance funds and their own beneficiary institutions, the whole amounting to 74 per cent of the net profit and a mean of M. 149 per head of the hands employed. These examples might be multiplied still further, but I must no longer trespass on your space.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE S.S. "KUTSANG."

THE CAPTAIN EXONERATED.

A Naval Court of Inquiry consisting of Navigating Lieut. Harman of H.M.S. *Astraea* (President), Mr. O. R. Coates, H. M. Vice Consul, and Captain Lavers of the str. *Chengtu* sat at Shanghai on the 24th inst. to hear evidence with regard to the accident which recently took place to the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kutsang*, which was beached at Chien Island, Hainan Straits, after she had struck a submerged rock.

Asst Paymaster Perkins of H.M.S. *Astraea* was Clerk of the Court; Mr. W. F. Ingles of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company attended on behalf of the owners of the *Kutsang*.

Captain E. C. D. Bradley of the Indo-China Steamship Co.'s steamer *Kutsang*, read a statement to the Court. He said that on March 4, in the early morning, there was a strong North-east by North wind and the tide was favourable for passing through the narrows of the Hainan Straits, and at daylight the ship was heading towards the south entrance to the Hainan Straits. The course was altered three times and immediately after the last time the ship struck something on the starboard side. As far as he could judge, it was a sliding blow without any shock to the ship and of short duration with absolutely no cessation of the ship's speed through the water. The speed of the ship at the time was eleven knots. It was a dark morning, but the weather was perfectly clear and as the south entrance was charted free from danger he had no hesitation in directing the ship's course. At the time of the striking the chief officer was on the bridge. At the request of witness the chief officer reported that there were three, and one and a half feet of water in the foreholds. The passengers were told to get up and dress, but not to be alarmed as there was no danger to life. The lifeboats were also lowered. As the next soundings showed that the water was rising rapidly in both the forward holds and that the No. 2 ballast tank was full, and it could be seen that the ship was settling down by the head, witness after a careful look at the chart, decided to ground the ship on a mud flat to the Southwest on the lee side of Chin Island. The vessel was put at full speed and she went at full speed on the mud flat. She beached quite easily. From the effect of the blows that were struck witness considered that the ship had struck a rock, but there was no ripple of tide there. Where the ship was struck she was drawing about fifteen feet. The maximum draught of the *Kutsang* was twenty-four feet ten and a half inches loaded, and at the time of the accident she was only partially loaded. On leaving Hongkong, and the draught of the ship was fifteen feet six, and eighteen feet, but witness reckoned that they had lightened by six inches coming up so that at the time of the accident she would be drawing about fifteen feet and seventeen feet nine inches. The stern was not touched at all. Witness was under the impression that it was a rounded pinnacle of rock, a small rock of no great extent, that the vessel struck. Witness had been through the channel many times before. He brought this ship out from England in 1905.

C. B. Tweedy, First Officer of the *Kutsang*, deposed that on the morning of the accident he was on watch from four to eight o'clock, having relieved the Second Officer. When she struck the ship had just been steamed on her course.

A. S. Latte, Chief Engineer, said that he was in bed at the time of the accident. He did not feel any shock beyond a grating, and he got up to ascertain what was the cause. Afterwards he had the pumps going in both No. 1 and No. 2 holds. He estimated the speed of the ship at about ten and a half knots.

J. E. Dallas, Second Engineer, stated that he was on watch at the time of the accident, but he did not know that the vessel had touched. His first order was to start the pumps going in No. 1 and No. 2 holds. He would say that the speed of the vessel was about eleven knots.

Mr. Ingles asked if he could give Captain Bradley a record for the information of the Court. He had been a very long time in the employ of the Company.

The President said that he did not think this was necessary.

Captain George Payne deposed that he was the Marine Superintendent to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. Witness wished to say that Captain Bradley was one of the most capable Masters that there were in the employ of the Company. Had it not been for this Court of Inquiry having been held witness would have had to make a report of this accident in which Captain Bradley would have been absolved from all blame.

The Court found that the steamship *Kutsang* struck a submerged obstacle about six cables E. N. E. from the islet of the Double Ytes believed to be an uncharted rock and that the Captain Bradley navigated his ship with care and in a seamanship manner and that no blame is attributable to him and that after the accident his prompt action avoided what might have been a serious casualty and also that no blame is due to any of the other officers of the ship and that proper discipline was maintained.

KING ALFONSO'S REGRET.

"I have rarely been so bitterly disappointed in my life," King Alfonso said to the Pau representative of the Times "as I was when I was compelled by a definite promise not to accompany Mr. Wright in an aeroplane flight. Had I not torn myself away from the aviation field I should not have been able to resist the temptation." Up to the last minute it was believed by the King's attendants that he would be allowed to make an ascent. "For many years I held the record as the youngest Sovereign, but I have now been beaten by Manuel of Portugal and the young Emperor of China. I had hoped to-day to establish another record by being the first Sovereign to fly; but alas! it has been denied me," he remarked in the course of general conversation with Mr. Orville Wright.

SMUGGLING OF OPIUM.

A SINGAPORE CASE BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

On the 26th ult. judgment was delivered by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of Bruhn v. the King on the prosecution of the opium farmer. There were present Lord Atkinson, Lord Collins, Sir Andrew Scoble and Sir Arthur Wilson.

This was an appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements of December 19, 1907, dismissing an appeal by the police magistrate at Singapore for an offence under section 73 of the Opium Ordinance 1906 of that colony.

Mr. Danckwerts, K.C., and Mr. A. M. Latte appeared for the appellant; Mr. Horace Avery, K.C., and Mr. Christopher James for the respondent.

The arguments were recently heard before a Board composed of Lord Macnaghten, Lord Atkinson, Lord Collins, and Sir Arthur Wilson, when judgment was reserved.

Lord Atkinson, in now delivering their Lordships' judgment, said the section provided that if any ship was used for the importation, landing, removal, carriage, or conveyance of any opium or chandu, contrary to the ordinance, the master and owner should be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000, and the ship might be detained till security had been given, unless it was proved to the satisfaction of the Court that every reasonable precaution had been taken to prevent such user of such ship, and that none of the officers, their servants, or the crew or any persons employed on board the ship were implicated therein. The appellant is the master of the steamer *Desaureux*, a vessel belonging to the North German Lloyd Company. Her registered tonnage is about 1,057 tons. Having sailed from Swatow on July 9, 1907, on a voyage to Singapore, she arrived on the 16th of that month, and anchored in the roadstead on the following day. She was searched twice by the officers of the opium farmer on the 16th cursorily, and on the 18th thoroughly. On the second occasion, Sergeant Musall, one of the police searchers, found 325 taels of "chandu" (i.e., opium prepared for smoking, chewing, or swallowing) carefully concealed in one of the life-boats, underneath the seat plank of the boat. It was necessary to unscrew the plank to discover the chandu. The quantity found was largely in excess of the maximum quantity mentioned in section 73. It amounted to about 27lb. in weight. The appellant was fined \$2,000 and costs for the infringement of the ordinance. There are no labour unions in Java, and the labourers take very good care of themselves and can easily defend themselves against capitalist oppression. Should employers keep wages low the labourers will stay away altogether. Should the employers exact long hours of labour, the labourers can simply stop work and walk off. Living is so cheap there that the wages question is of no high importance to the labourers. They can live on very little and can snap their fingers at the employers.

LABOUR LAWS IN JAVA.

PROTECTION BOUGHT AGAINST COOLIES.

The labour question says the *Straits Times*, is a sore trouble to planters in Java who desire legislation to bind labourers to keep their contracts. The Netherlands India Agricultural Association intends to discuss the subject as its next yearly general meeting, a few months hence. The President of the Association has prepared for the members a report on the matter in which he sets out the labour legislation in neighbouring colonies.

He finds fault with the Straits labour laws for enacting that labourers who break their contracts and are imprisoned for the offence, shall be taken back to the employer to carry out the broken contract. Such a procedure, he says, is wrong, because after the trial and sentence, the nations between master and man are assuredly not so good as to call for the further enforcement of the contract; the feeling between them will not be the same. It is for the interest of both parties to separate after the man has served his time in gaol. Such a course by imprisonment—such is the President's point of view.

The President advises that Java planters to ask for a Labour Ordinance which shall direct the coolies to be punished by imprisonment and dismissal. This will also be a check on the planters who will not readily prosecute when they know that success will mean the loss of the labourers' services.

The *Lococatice*, a Samarang newspaper, points out the weakness of this reasoning in assuming that the labourers are people who care to work out their contracts. The Straits labour laws go upon the sound principle that the labourers will be certain to try to break their contracts and should be compelled to keep them by force if need be. Granted the need of compulsion, it is logical to enact that a contract breaking coolie should be sent back to the estate to serve out his term after undergoing imprisonment.

In Java, at present, contracts between employers and labourers rest upon and establish the system of advances and upon the willingness of the labourers to work out the amounts advanced. Generally speaking, the labourers do not abuse this privilege, but the exceptions are so many as to justify the cry for a Labour Ordinance. There are no labour unions in Java, and the labourers take very good care of themselves and can easily defend themselves against capitalist oppression. Should employers keep wages low the labourers will stay away altogether. Should the employers exact long hours of labour, the labourers can simply stop work and walk off. Living is so cheap there that the wages question is of no high importance to the labourers. They can live on very little and can snap their fingers at the employers.

CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR 1908.

In view of the special attention which is taken in the movements of goods and treasure at the present time, the Acting Inspector General, the *N. C. Daily News* says, has approved of certain information being given in advance of the publication of the annual returns. The first set of tables contains the figures of the total amount of treasure, in gold and silver of all classes, and of copper coin, passing between China and foreign countries during 1908. Foreign countries are divided into Europe, America, Batavia and Asia, which again is sub-divided as will be seen. The following tables show the grand totals in all respects, the figures being, of course, in Haikwan Taels.

IMPORTS INTO CHINA.

| | GOLD. | SILVER. | TOTAL. |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Europe | 4,662,863 | 4,062,863 | |
| America | 36,500 | 2,690,947 | 2,727,447 |
| Straits Settlements | — | 5,286 | 5,286 |
| Saigon and Tongking | — | 7,067 | 7,067 |
| Hongkong and Macao | 143,131 | 12,583,308 | 12,728,289 |
| Manila | — | 259 | 259 |
| Japan (including Formosa) | 1,317,490 | 429,880 | 1,738,370 |
| Korea | 17,304 | 88,232 | 100,592 |
| | 1,514,425 | 19,856,842 | 21,370,173 |

The importation of copper is omitted for convenience from the above tables. Two districts only sent copper coin to China in 1908, namely, Hongkong and Macao, HK. Tls. 1,850, and Korea HK. Tls. 56. These figures are included in the grand totals, respectively, as given above. There was no copper exportation from China.

EXPORTS.

| | GOLD. | SILVER. | TOTAL. |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Europe | 11,246,158 | 1961,554 | 13,207,712 |
| America | 4,116 | 59,966 | 64,112 |
| Batavia | — | 45,140 | 45,140 |
| India (including Burmese) | 810 | 1,005,338 | 1,006,148 |
| Dutch Indies | — | 12,171 | 12,171 |
| Straits Settlements | 25,095 | 342,594 | 367,686 |
| Saigon and Tonking | — | 3,477 | 3,477 |
| Siam | — | 503,709 | 503,709 |
| Hongkong and Macao | 374,289 | 26,427,350 | 26,801,639 |
| Japan (including Formosa) | 959,789 | 1,345,242 | 2,305,034 |
| Korea | 21,323 | 499,241 | 520,564 |
| Vladivostock | — | 179,706 | 179,706 |
| | 13,032,010 | 32,383,518 | 45,415,523 |

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 29th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Japan and risen slightly over N. China.

The depression lying in the neighbourhood of Vladivostock yesterday, is moving Eastwards to the North of Hokkaido. The Eastern Sea depression is now moving Eastwards to the South of Japan.

Pressure is highest over China to the North of the Yangtze Valley.

Fresh N.E. and E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
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THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's BUILDING, 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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SHewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908. [513]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at NOON, on MONDAY, the 5th April, 1909, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd March to the 5th April, both days inclusive.

J. Wheley, General Manager. Hongkong, 18th March, 1909. [483]

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Head Office No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on FRIDAY, the 16th April, 1909, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, for the Election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th April, 1909, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for registration at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [493]

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [517]

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th March, 1909. [526]

NOTICE.

IN CONFORMITY with Article III. of the General Regulations of the CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE, a Board of Appointment will hold a Competitive Examination at the HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, Canton, at 10 A.M., 2nd April, 1909, to fill One Vacancy for a PILOT in the Canton Pilotage Service.

Only those who have served an Apprenticeship are eligible for appointment.

FRANK HARRIS,

Acting Deputy Coast Inspector and Harbour Master.

Custom House, Harbour Master's Office.

Approved:

PAUL H. KING,

Commissioner of Customs, Canton, 26th March, 1909. [531]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after this Date, the Selling Price of Ice, will be Reduced to HALF A CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers, Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd. Hongkong, 11th March, 1909. [451]

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! Solicitors,
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [110]

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Facing the Parade Ground.
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Furnished from 1st June to 30th September,
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Lights and Tennis Court.

"ERANEE BUNGALOW," Kowloon. A
Small Garden attached. Moderate Rental.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [399]

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SHAW, TOMES & CO.). Rent Low.
Apply to—

THE COMPRODORATE DEPARTMENT,
E. D. SASSOON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [105]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 54, DUDDELL STREET.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [98]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1908. [103]

TO LET.

AT THE PEAK, HOUSE in STEWART
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Apply—

H. E. POLLOCK,
18, Bank Building,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [494]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nai Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RIPPON TERRACE,
No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit
Road.

No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL,
1st floor.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODDOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE
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FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [97]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 6, MACDONNELL ROAD, from
May-22nd, for six months.

FRED. J. HALTON,
Pacific Mail S.S. Co.,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [488]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

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6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or
separately.

Apply to—
Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH,
No. 5, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [213]

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FOUR and FIVE ROOMED HOUSES
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NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS,
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Cheap Rentals.

OFFICES on the 1st Floor Hotel Mansions
lately occupied by the Hongkong, Canton and
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

Apply to—
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COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [125]

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TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY)
AND
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will be shown in conjunction with the above.

BOOKING AT
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Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [519]

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Special Selections for South China,
CHINA EXPRESS CO.
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Shipping and Insurance Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

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Take an impression of your
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GODDOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRAYA
EAST.

Apply—
CHATER & MODY,
Victoria Building,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

TO LET.

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
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Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [489]

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Queen's Road, Central.

Apply to—
S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Prince's Buildings.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [518]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW for one
or two years.

Apply—
DENNYS & BOWLEY.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [219]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.
Apply—
SECRETARY,
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM on 2nd Floor
Prince's Building.

ONE SPACIOUS GODOWN, No. 125,
Wanchai Road.

Apply to—
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1909. [522]

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FOUR and FIVE ROOMED HOUSES
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Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [125]

GRIDIRON BANQUET.

AMERICA'S NEW CRAZE—ALL FUN AND
FEW SPEECHES.

Like the Marathon craze, "Gridiron dinners" are extending throughout the United States. They originated at Washington, where statesmen, legislators, diplomats, and others, without respect of person or estate, have been ruthlessly "gridironed," caricatured, roasted, "joshed," as the Americans say, or ragged, as an Englishman might put it, by their banqueting fellow-countrymen. American public men, known what gridiron means. It is a feature of their official life which necessarily accompanies their salaries.

Now the American gridiron dinner has been reduced to a fine art, with the accompaniment of music, stage effects, appropriate costume, pantomime dialogue, mostly ironical, and such doggerel verse as the average reporter can reel off by the yard. I have attended half a dozen of these gridiron dinners lately. Their buffoonery, their apparent lack of respect for institutions and persons, their seeming heartless treatment of the most distinguished guests, from President Roosevelt down to a mere Congressman, at first appalled me. English susceptibilities, but you rapidly become innured. Now, after six month's training, I believe that the gridiron dinners have come to stay in America and I even venture a further prediction that within three years gridiron dinners will become equally popular in England. They are open to criticism unless properly managed, but they are certainly devoid of the paralyzing formality, ponderous speeches, and well-worn criticisms of the public dinners considered as a European institution.

Gridiron banquets, to quote Mr. Roosevelt who has himself been "joshed" more than any other living man, "do good to victim and victimizer alike; they contribute towards the national fund of humour which is the salt of our public life, and one taken occasionally, provided the patient is not a hopeless misanthropist, is good for mind and body."

AMEN BROTHERHOOD.

I am prompted to these reflections by the gridiron dinner in New York which I attended last night, together with six hundred other guests, chiefly politicians, financiers, and professional men. It was called the "Amen Dinner," because it was arranged under the auspices of an organization, chiefly political, but partly social, called the "Amen Corner." Mr. Root, American Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was the guest of honour, and Mr. Root, despite the fun, songs, jokes, hits, and stories at his foibles, nevertheless enjoyed himself, he is said to me submissively, immensely. It is the thin-skinned men, apparently, who do not appreciate this latest American invention, and American public life speedily eliminates that class from its ranks.

There were four hours of American fun, and enough topical songs to make or mar a Drury Lane pantomime. The chairman sat upon a throne at the end of the ball-room, and instead of a hammer rang a big cowbell. The first clang summoned a queer crew of presidents and governors, senators, kings, and emperors, Greek philosophers, sly secret service men, helping newsmen, and sharp-tongued citizens, who "joshed" Senator Depew, Boss Murphy, of Tammany Hall, Senator Pat McCarran, Thomas Ryan, the financier, Frank Hitchcock, Republican campaign-manager and Postmaster-General, and scores of folk who have figured in politics, finance, and letters. Frequently the chairman clanged his cowbell, whose unlucky note was the signal for a succession of burlesques, travesties, Oriental dances, monologues, solos, choruses, one-set skits, which had been very carefully rehearsed (and a hodge-podge of imitations which caricatured absurdly the performances of some of the best-known American statesmen).

Brother Seibold, disguised as a reporter and Brother Thomas McGill, as an

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

ARRIVALS.
CHEONOSHING, British str., 1,256, V. McC
Liddell, 29th March—Tientsin via Ports
18th March, General—Jardine, Matheson
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March—Kobe 25th March, General—Gibb,
Livington & Co.
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29th March—Marseille 28th Feb., Mails
and General—Messageries Maritimes.
GLENDY, British str., 3,141, T. Darko, 29th
March—Kobe 25th March, General—
MacGregor Bros. & Gow.
INADA MARU, Japanese str., 3,837, R. Takeda,
29th Mar.—Shanghai 26th Mar., General—
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
KWANGTAI, Chinese str., 1,536, W. H. Lunt,
29th Mar.—Shanghai 26th March, General—
Chinese.
LUNA, British str., 1,352, C. C. Williams, 28th
March—Shanghai 25th March, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
MANDASAR MARU, Jap. str., 3,246, Shimizu,
29th March—Kuchinoerabu 24th March,
Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
RUMI, British str., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 29th
March—Manila 27th March, General—
Showan, Tomes & Co.
SHOWAN MARU, Japanese str., 999, I. Ijichi,
29th March—Amoy via Amoy & Swatow.
Fausong, British str., for Saigon.
Finsliffe, British str., for London.
Hinlang, British str., for Hongay.
Kamor, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
Linen, British str., for Canton.
Merop, Dutch str., for Amoy.
Nero, French str., for Europe.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
29th March.
Chosho Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Fausong, British str., for Saigon.
Finsliffe, British str., for London.
Hinlang, British str., for Hongay.
Kamor, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
Linen, British str., for Canton.
Merop, Dutch str., for Amoy.
Nero, French str., for Europe.

DEPARTURES.

29th March.
ERNEST SIMONS, French str., for Shanghai.
KWANGTAI, Chinese str., for Calcutta.
SUISANG, British str., for Batavia.
TJEDODA, Dutch str., for Batavia.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Empire reports: On leaving Japan strong N.W. gale with high seas, was encountered weather moderate on reaching the China Coast, strong N.E. breeze and fine weather prevailing from there to port.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

March 29th.
ABERDEEN DOCK—Kowloon Dock—Tarlac, H.M.S. Sandpiper, Dilly, Glynne, Shulwe, Cosmopolitan Dock—Thordis.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

March 4, German str. Aletzen, Jan. 20, from Cardiff.
March 4, Dutch str. Timor, Alberts, Jan. 17, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
March 4, Dutch str. Sole, Oudendijk, Jan. 23, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
March 6, Dutch str. Hindaya, de Boer, Jan. 30, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
March 6, German str. Worms, Schröder, Jan. 20, from London for Batavia.
March 7, British str. Ulgees, Ewan, March 7, from Batavia for Amsterdam.
March 9, British str. Indender, Wright, Mar. 7, from Singapore for Christmas Island.
March 11, British str. Hindia, Peek, from Singapore for Australia.
March 13, British barque Daylight, McBryde, Jan. 27, from Hongkong for New York.
March 13, German str. Solingen, Madsen, March 13, from Batavia for Padang.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"FLINTSHIRE," will be despatched as above on or about the 26th March, 1909.
For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong 24th February, 1909. [378]

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship
"RIGEL," Captain J. Sievert, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at noon.
For Freight or Passage apply to ARRATOON V. APCAR & CO., Agents, Hongkong 30th March, 1909. [515]

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For Passage apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 10th March, 1909. [452]

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(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship
"NORMAN PRINCE," will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, 1909.
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| KUMERIC | 6,232 | F. S. Cowley | On 8th April. |
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| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | "BUELOW" Capt. H. FORMES | About Wednesday, 7th April. |
| MANILA, YAP., NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | "PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. LENZ | Friday, 23rd April, at 10 A.M. |
| KUDAT & SANDAKAN | "BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBIL | Beginning of April |

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1909.

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"NEERA" Capt. Martin
"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel
"CALEDONIEN" Capt. Brun
"NEERA" On 30th March, 1 P.M.
"TONKIN" On 12th April, P.M.
"CALEDONIEN" On 13th April, 1 P.M.

Transhipping on the Co's Steamers at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta, Bombay and Australia; at Port Said for the Levante, Constantinople and Black Sea. Through Tickets to London, via Paris, from £27 10s. up to £71 10s. 20 hours' Railway from Marseilles to London. Interpreters meet Passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.

For Further Particulars, apply to P. DE CHAMPION, AGENT, Queen's Building, Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON,
AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DELHI"

Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's ss. "MALWA," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Silk for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marsailles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "MOREA" due in London on the 14th May, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1909.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND
ANTWERP.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"

will be despatched as above on or about the 10th April.

For Freight, &c., apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1909.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR
COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

S.S. "DACEY CASTLE" About 20th Apr.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909.

HONGKONG—NEW YORK.



AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND
SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

S.S. "INDRAMAYO" ... On 26th April.

For Freight and further information apply to SHEWWAN TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

Fiume and Trieste (Direct).

Calling at Singapore, Penang,

Colombo, Bombay, Karachi,

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, VIA SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

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| 9th April | at 10.45 a.m. |
| 15th April | at 8.15 p.m. |
| 20th April | at 9.45 a.m. |
| 7th May | at 8.35 p.m. |
| | at 9.45 a.m. |

The Despatch, with the English mail of the 5th Mar., left Singapore on Friday, the 26th Inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 2 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 2nd Feb., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the air sea route on the 24th February, and for despatch overland on the 3rd March.

| FOR | FROM | DATE |
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| Hongkong | Hsinchow | Tuesday, 30th, 8.00 A.M. |
| Manila | Filintshire | Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Mojii, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, B.C. | Gymnere | Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Seattle | Baiching | Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Shawau, Amoy and Foochow | Shinano Maru | Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Tokyo, Keihansha, Victoria and Seattle | | Tuesday, 30th, 9th. |
| Europe, &c., India via Taticorin | Printed Matter and Samples | 10.00 A.M. |
| (late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents) | Registration | 1.00 A.M. |
| (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) | Registration | with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.45 A.M. |
| | Registration | Kowloon P.O. 10.00 A.M. N. late fee. |
| | Letters | 11.00 A.M. |
| Manila | Venus | Tuesday, 30th, Noon. |
| Manila | Sui Tai | Tuesday, 30th, 1.15 P.M. |
| Manila | Taming | Tuesday, 30th, 2.00 P.M. |
| Manila | Shouho Maru | Tuesday, 30th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Manila | Inaba Maru | Tuesday, 30th, 5.30 P.M. |
| Empire | | Wednesday, 31st, 11.00 A.M. |
| Rigel | | Wednesday, 31st, 11.00 A.M. |
| Alesia | | Wednesday, 31st, 11.00 A.M. |
| Ceylon Maru | | Wednesday, 31st, 11.00 A.M. |
| Choyang | | Wednesday, 31st, 1.15 P.M. |
| Sui Tai | | Wednesday, 31st, 5.00 P.M. |
| Irenaka | | Wednesday, 31st, 5.30 P.M. |

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Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Is., Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelie, Perth, and Fremantle
Manila
Moy, Kobe, Yokohama, and Portland
Kobe
Shanghai
Macao
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CLARETS BOTTLED IN BORDEAUX

| 1 DOZ. | 2 DOZ. |
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| BOTTLES. | BOTTLES. |
| \$ 4.50 | \$ 5.50 |
| 7.50 | 9.00 |
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| 33.00 | 35.00 |
| 34.00 | 36.00 |
| 35.00 | 37.50 |
| 42.00 | 44.00 |

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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TO-DAY.

Sale, Government Stores at the Arsenal Yard, Army Ordnance Stores, Messrs. Hughes & Hongkong, 10 a.m.
Sic, China, Bronzes, Jade & Ivorys, 13 Peak Rd. Upper Albany, Mr. G. C. P. Lammett, 2.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Valuable Leasehold Property, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, noon.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATION.

March 29th.

ON LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer..... 181
Bank Bills, on demand..... 181
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 181
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 181
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 191
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight..... 191

ON PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand..... 218
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 222

ON GERMANY:—
On demand..... 177

ON NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand..... 421
Credits, at 60 days' sight..... 433

ON BOMBAY:—
Telegraphic Transfer..... 150
Bank, on demand..... 150

ON CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer..... 130
Bank, on demand..... 130

ON SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight..... 742

Private, 30 days' sight..... 753

ON YOKOHAMA:—
On demand..... 841

ON MANILA:—
On demand..... 841

ON SINGAPORE:—
On demand..... 742

ON BATAVIA:—
On demand..... 1041/2 p.m.

ON HAITHONG:—
On demand..... 101/2 p.m.

ON SAIGON:—
On demand..... 87

ON HANGKOK:—
Bank's Buying Rate..... \$11.35

GOVERNMENT:—
Bank's Buying Rate..... \$11.35

Gold, Lead, 100 fine, per tael..... \$59.50

BAR SILVER, per oz..... 23-1/2

SUBSIDARY COINS.

Chinese..... 20 cents pieces..... per cent.

Chinese..... 10 "..... \$3.85

Hongkong..... 20 "..... \$7.40

Hongkong..... 10 "..... \$7.60

ARRIVED.

Per Chongching, from Tientsin, &c., Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson and children, Messrs. Dobie and Marton.

Per Linan, from Shanghai, Messrs. Galloway, F. W., Carly, Liddle, J. A., Bushell, W. H., Kerr, J. H., Witsell.

Per Empire, from Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Carter and child, Mr. and Mrs. Lincolne, Mrs. Antill, Misses Phillips, Wynd and Milne, Messrs. Gilman and Eisdale.

Per Nerv, from Hongkong, from Kole, Mr. Rondon, from Shanghai, Sir and Mrs. Goger, and baby, Mrs. Stirling and baby, Mrs. Sophie Gutterer, Miss Goldstein, Rev. P. Garin, and Messrs. Hulme, G. Guerin, Coulter and G. H. Shurens.

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